## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In Re: § Chapter 11

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W.R. GRACE & CO., et al., § Jointly Administered

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# NOTICE OF NINETEENTH INTERIM VERIFIED FEE APPLICATION OF WARREN H. SMITH & ASSOCIATES, P.C. AS FEE AUDITOR FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

Name of Applicant: Warren H. Smith & Associates, P.C.

Authorized to Provide

Services: As Fee Auditor to the Estates

Date of Retention: March 18, 2002

Period for Which Compensation and

Reimbursement is Sought: October 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005

Amount of Compensation

Requested: \$54,843.50

Amount of Expense

Reimbursement Requested: \$ 762.15

Amount of Compensation

Requested Less Holdback: \$43,874.80

Amount of Compensation Paid

For Applicable Period: \$35,606.80

Amount of Expenses Reimbursed

For Applicable Period: \$ 762.15

Total Amount of Holdback

Fees in Aggregate: \$29,889.90

CUMULATIVE SUMMARY OF INTERIM APPLICATIONS OF WARREN H. SMITH & ASSOCIATES, P.C. FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005:

Filing Date; Docket No.	Total Fees Requested	Total Expenses Requested	Certification of No Objection Filing Date; Docket No.	Amount of Fees Paid (80%)	Amount of Expenses paid (100%)	Amount of % Hold back Fees Sought
11/10/05 11039	\$21,781.00	\$334.60	12/15/05 11354	\$17,424.80	\$334.60	4356.2
12/12/05 11332	\$22,727.50	\$427.55	01/10/06 11519	\$18,182.00	\$427.55	\$4,545.50
01/09/06 11508	\$10,335.00	\$0.00	2/10/06 11751	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,067.00
Total	\$54,843.50	\$762.15		\$35,606.80	\$762.15	\$10,968.70

#### CUMULATIVE COMPENSATION SUMMARY BY PROJECT CATEGORY:

Project Category	Total Hours For The Period 10/01/05 through 12/31/05	Total Hours from the Petition Date	Total Fees For The Period 10/01/05 through 12/31/05	Total Fees From The Petition Date
Accounting/Auditing	436.30	7,366.00	\$54,483.50	\$981,887.52
Fee Application	4.50	84.80	\$360.00	\$7,341.50
Total	440.8	7450.8	\$54,843.50	\$989,229.02

**CUMULATIVE EXPENSE SUMMARY:** 

Expense Category	Total Expenses for the Period 10/01/05 through 12/31/05	Total Expense From The Petition Date		
Copying Cost	\$0.00	\$2,238.15		
Long Distance	\$120.00	\$246.70		
Third Party Copies & Document Mailing	\$540.15	\$9,438.98		
Travel Expenses	\$0.00	\$809.88		
Fed-Ex	\$0.00	\$140.86		
Postage	\$0.00	\$801.22		
PACER Research	\$102.00	\$1,771.32		
Westlaw	\$0.00	\$82.26		
TOTAL	\$762.15	\$15,529.37		

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### NINETEENTH INTERIM VERIFIED FEE APPLICATION OF WARREN H. SMITH & ASSOCIATES, P.C. AS FEE AUDITOR FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331 and Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Administrative Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals Pursuant to Sections 105(a) and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, dated November 30, 2000 (the "Administrative Order"), and the Order Appointing Fee Auditor and Establishing Related Procedures Concerning the Allowance of Payment of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Applicants and Consideration of Fee Applications, dated March 18, 2002 (the "Fee Auditor Order"), the law firm of Warren H. Smith & Associates, P.C. ("WHS") hereby files this Nineteenth Interim Verified Fee Application of Warren H. Smith & Associates, P.C. as Fee Auditor for Allowance of Compensation and for Reimbursement of Expenses (the "Application"). By this Application, WHS seeks that this Honorable Court award it reasonable compensation for professional legal services rendered as fee auditor for the estates of W. R. Grace & Co., et al. ("Debtors") in the amount of \$54,843.50, together with reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the amount of \$762.15, for the period commencing October 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 (the "Interim Period"). In support of its Application, WHS respectfully states as follows:

#### **Background**

1. On April 2, 2001, the Debtors filed voluntary petitions in this Court for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Code"), 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 et. seq., as amended. The

Debtors continued in possession of their assets and were authorized to operate and manage their respective businesses pursuant to Bankruptcy Code §§ 1107 and 1108.

2. On March 18, 2002, this Court signed the Fee Auditor Order, approving the retention of WHS as fee auditor for the Debtors. The Fee Auditor Order authorized WHS to be compensated: "the lesser of (a) the ordinary hourly rate of the Fee Auditor for services of this nature or (b) 1% of the aggregate Applicant billings (fees and expenses) reviewed by the Fee Auditor that are subject to this Order over the life of these Chapter 11 Cases."

#### **Compensation Paid and its Source**

- 3. All services for which compensation is requested by WHS were performed for or on behalf of the bankruptcy estate and the Debtors and not on behalf of any committee, creditor or other person.
- 4. Other than interim payments from the Debtors set forth in the notice, above, WHS has received no payment or promise for payment from any source for services rendered or to be rendered in any capacity whatsoever in connection with these cases, and there is no agreement or understanding between WHS and any other person other than members of the firm for the sharing of compensation to be received for services rendered in these cases.

#### **Summary of Services**

- 5. Attached hereto as Exhibit B are WHS's billing statements for the Interim Period. These statements contain detailed daily time logs describing the time expended by each attorney and para-professional for the Interim Period.
- 6. To the best of WHS's knowledge, this Application complies with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Guidelines adopted by the Office of thee United State Trustee, Local Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Amended Effective February 1, 2001, and the

Administrative Order.

7. During the Interim Period, WHS spent 4.50 hours of time for \$360.00 in fees seeking its own compensation. The professionals of WHS whom have rendered professional services to the Debtors during the Interim Period are Warren H. Smith and Bobbi Ruhlander. The paraprofessionals of WHS whom have rendered professional services to the Debtors in these cases during the Interim Period are James Wehrmann, Doreen Williams, Steve Bossay, Priscilla Stidham, Courtney Orent and Jeff Allgood.

#### **Disbursements**

8. WHS has incurred \$762.15 in disbursements for the Interim Period for copies, postage, long distance, travel expenses, Pacer research and third party copies and document mailing expenses.

#### **Valuation of Services**

- 9. The rates charged by each professional during the Interim Period are set forth in Exhibit A. These rates are equal to or below WHS's normal hourly rates of compensation for work of this character. Attorneys and para-professionals of WHS have expended a total of 440.80 hours in connection with this matter during the Interim Period. The reasonable value of the services rendered by WHS for the Interim Period in these cases under Chapter 11 is \$54,843.50.
- 10. In accordance with the factors enumerated in 11 U.S.C. § 330, the amount of fees and expenses requested by WHS is fair and reasonable given (a) the complexity of these cases, (b) the time expended, (c) the nature and extent of the services rendered, (d) the value of such services, and (e) the costs of comparable services other than in a case under this title. Moreover, WHS has reviewed the requirements of Local Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Amended Effective February 1, 2001, and believes that this application complies with that rule.

WHEREFORE, WHS respectfully requests that an allowance be made to it in the amount of \$54,843.50 as compensation for necessary professional services rendered, and the sum of \$762.15 as reimbursement of actual necessary costs and expenses, for a total of \$55,605.65, for the period commencing October 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, that such sums be authorized for payment, and for such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: February 24, 2006

WARREN H. SMITH & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Warren H. Smith

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Warren H. Smith, caused the preceding report to be served by <u>First Class United States</u>

mail on the persons on the service list attached to the original on file, this 24th day of February

2006. Copies of the service list may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

Warren H. Smith

#### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF TEXAS

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SS:

COUNTY OF DALLAS

Warren H. Smith, after being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

- 1. I am the principal in the applicant firm, Warren H. Smith & Associates, P.C., and have been admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of Texas since 1987.
- 2. I have personally performed many of the services rendered by Warren H. Smith & Associates, P.C. as fee auditor in these cases and am thoroughly familiar with all other work performed by the professionals in the firm.
- 3. I have reviewed the foregoing Application and the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Moreover, I have reviewed Local Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Amended Effective February 1, 2001, and submit that the Application substantially complies with such rule.

Warren H. Smith

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, a Notary Public for the State and County aforesaid, on the 24th day of February 2006.

JEFFREY B. ALLGOOD
Notary Public, State of Taxas
My Commission Expires
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# ORDER APPROVING NINETEENTH INTERIM VERIFIED FEE APPLICATION OF WARREN H. SMITH & ASSOCIATES, P.C. FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2006, upon the Nineteenth Interim Verified Fee Application of Warren H. Smith & Associates, P.C. for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses (the "Application") dated February 24, 2006, the Court having been satisfied that the interim compensation and reimbursement requested therein is reasonable and justified given (a) the complexity of these cases, (b) the time expended, (c) the nature and extent of the services rendered, (d) the value of such services and (e) the costs of comparable services in cases other than cases under Title 11, and after notice and a hearing;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application is approved and that the Debtors, or their successors in interest, are authorized and directed to pay to Warren H. Smith & Associates, P.C. the sum of \$54,843.50 as compensation for necessary professional services rendered for the period October 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, and the sum of \$762.15 for reimbursement of actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred for the same period.

United States Bankruptcy Judge	

#### **Service List**

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## Exhibit A

Name of Professional	Position, No. of Years in that Position, Year Licensed	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Billed Hours	Total Compensation
Warren H. Smith	Principal of firm formed in 2001. Member Texas Bar since 1987. Member Illinois Bar since 1979.	\$275	3.00	\$825.00
Bobbi Ruhlander	Member of Oklahoma Bar since 1983	\$225	2.00	\$450.00
_Doreen T Williams	Legal Assistant since 1982	\$145	2.10	\$304.50
James Wehrmann	Legal Assistant since 1989	\$135	116.40	\$15,714.00
Steve Bossay	Legal Assistant since 2002	\$130	274.20	\$35,646.00
Jeff Allgood	Law Clerk since 2000	\$40	28.10	\$1,124.00
Courtney Orent	Law Clerk since 2004	\$40	10.50	\$420.00
Priscilla Stidham	Legal Assistant since 2003	\$80	4.50	\$360.00
			440.8	\$54,843.50

Total Hours 440.80

Total Fees \$ 54,843.50

Blended Rate \$ 124.42

### **Exhibit B**

(see attached)